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## Proposed Soil Removal and Notice of Public Comment Period at GCA Lease Holding, Inc., Carson, CA

*Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Leticia Hernández al número (714) 484-5488.*

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a proposed plan to excavate metal impacted soil at the GCA Lease Holding, Inc., (GCA) facility (Site), located at 17006 South Figueroa Street in Carson. The 4.76-acre facility is paved entirely with concrete, and consists of two single story structures. The area is mainly industrial with some residential properties located west of the facility.

The proposed plan, called a draft Interim Measures (IM) Workplan, describes the process of removal and disposal of metal impacted soil at the facility. The draft IM Workplan is an interim measure and not the final cleanup remedy for the facility. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC proposes a Notice of Exemption (NOE), as the proposed actions will not have a significant effect on public health and the environment.

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. Inside this fact sheet you will find more detailed information on facility history, how the contamination got there, safety measures to protect the public and how to submit your comments.

### Site History

Prior to 1936 the land was either vacant or in agricultural use. From about 1936 until 1972, the facility was part of a dairy operation. The current facility was constructed between 1972 and 1974. From 1972 to 1976, the property was occupied by various industrial tenants. From 1978

### Public Comment Period September 19, 2006 to October 19, 2006

A 30-day public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the draft IM Workplan for the GCA Lease Holding, Inc., facility. The public comment period begins September 19, 2006 and ends October 19, 2006. We invite you to submit your comments during this time. We will consider and respond to your comments before a final decision is made. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than October 19, 2006, and sent to:

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to 2005 wheel assembly, plating and stripping operations were conducted on Site. In 1988, the name changed to American Racing Equipment and in July 2005, GCA assumed the lease of the facility. Currently, the facility is vacant and seeking closure.

### **Soil Contamination**

The soil contamination occurred mainly from past operations that included spills onto concrete at the Site. Contaminants of concern include lead, trivalent chromium, hexavalent chromium, zinc, nickel, copper, arsenic, toxaphene and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon-diesel. In April 2006, GCA entered into a Corrective Action Consent Agreement with DTSC to conduct an environmental investigation and remove the impacted soil in order to achieve Site closure.

### **Proposed Interim Measures**

Previous environmental investigations suggest that the impacted soil should be excavated and removed to reduce potential health risk to human health or the environment. In accordance with the Corrective Action Consent Agreement, we are proposing to remove the impacted soil as an interim measure. The proposed IM Workplan activities include the following:

- Impacted soil will be excavated, transported and properly disposed at a state permitted facility authorized to receive the impacted soil.
- Particulate monitoring and control of dust emissions and storm water discharge will be conducted during excavation activities to minimize potential exposure to onsite workers and the surrounding community.
- A Health Risk Assessment (HRA) will be performed after completion of the proposed IM Workplan activities to determine if potential human health risks associated with the

impacted soil have been reduced.

### **Removal and Transportation of the Contaminated Soil**

Excavation and loading of the contaminated soil will mostly take place indoors. Waste materials will be loaded onto trucks and covered with tarps to prevent spillage of soil. Approximately 4,900 cubic yards (or 6,300 tons) of soil and debris will be removed and transported to a state permitted facility for disposal. About 290 truckloads each carrying approximately 22 tons of excavated soil and debris will be transported from the facility. No more than 50 trucks will leave the facility on any given day transporting soil. The excavation, removal and disposal of the contaminated soil will take up to 12 working days to complete.

### **Safety Measures**

To protect onsite workers and the surrounding community during the proposed IM activities, the following safety measures will be implemented:

**Controlling Dust** – Daily street sweeping, spraying the loading and unloading of soil and soil stockpiles with water, shielding soil stockpiles from prevailing winds, and covering exterior soil stockpiles with plastic will be conducted.

**Controlling Migration** – Storm water monitoring will be conducted to ensure that there is no migration (run-off) of the contaminated soil, if it rains.

**Monitoring Weather** – Monitoring of weather and wind conditions will be conducted. In the event winds exceed 18 miles per hour sustained, all work will cease until wind speeds fall below 18 miles per hour.

**Protective Fencing** – The facility is fenced and there is security watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week to reduce unauthorized facility access. Also, warning signs will be posted at the Site.

### **We Evaluated Potential Environmental Impacts Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

DTSC is required by CEQA to review the environmental activities for the possibility of an impact, before approving the project. DTSC prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. As the proposed soil removal and related activities will not significantly impact the environment.

### **How to Submit Your Comments**

We want to know what you think of the proposed draft IM Workplan to remove and dispose of the contaminated soil at the GCA facility. The 30-day public

comment period begins September 19, 2006 and ends October 19, 2006. You may provide your comments on the draft IM Workplan during this time. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by October 19, 2006 and sent to:

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DTSC will consider and respond in writing to all public comments received and may, if necessary, revise the IM Workplan or approve the IM Workplan accordingly.

### **Where to Find Project Documents**

Copies of the draft IM Workplan and related project documents are available for public review at the following Information Repositories:

Carson Regional Library  
151 East Carson Street  
Carson, CA 90745  
(310) 830-0901  
Mon – Thurs 10:00AM – 8:00PM  
Friday 10:00AM – 6:00PM  
Saturday 10:00AM – 5:00PM  
Sunday 1:00PM – 5:00PM

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, CA 90630  
(714) 484-5337  
Mon – Fri 8:00AM – 5:00PM  
Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson at the above number to make an appointment.

### **When the Field Work Will Begin**

Field work activities are anticipated to begin early fall 2006 and take approximately four months to complete. This schedule includes a 40-hour work week from Monday through Friday, 7:00AM to 4:00PM. Upon completion of IM field activities, DTSC will determine if the interim measures goals have been sufficiently met, or if additional activities may be required, before selecting the final remedy for the Site.

### **Who to Contact at DTSC for Information**

If you have any questions about the project or proposed IM Workplan activities, please contact the following persons:

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### **Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals**

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 to reach Ms. Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll-free 1-866-495-5651.

**GCA Lease Holding, Inc., Facility, Carson, CA**  
**Draft Interim Measures (IM) Workplan and Notice of Exemption (NOE)**

**Reminder: All public comments on the draft IM Workplan plan must be postmarked or e-mailed by October 19, 2006.**

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***Inside: Information on the GCA Lease Holding, Inc. Facility***

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